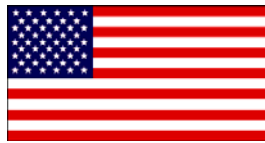


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## IRC Report

January-February-March 2004

### *Monthly Highlights*

#### *January*

- Distributed the publication entitled *The Evolving Internet* to 51-target audience including government officials, Member of Parliament, Senators, and media.
- Released the transcript of President Bush's Annual State of the Union Address to 66 audiences. The recipients included Cambodian government members, Senators, Member of Parliament, media, and civil society NGOs.
- Distributed Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck Poster to all mine clearances agencies and schools where the students live in dangerous proximity to landmines and unexploded ordnance.

#### *February*

- Disseminated Country Reports on Human Right Practices 2003, to 72 recipients included Cambodian government members, Senators, Member of Parliament, media, and civil society NGOs.
- Provided 1,000 copies of Muslim Life in America (MLA) brochure in Khmer version to Ministry of Cults and Religious Affairs to distribute to the Muslim community in Cambodia.

- Distributed 1,000 copies of Muslim Life in America brochure to the Muslim community in Kampong Chhnang province.
- Organized the Paper Show on the great African-American jazz musician Duke Ellington at the Senate Library and Hun Sen Library. Its aimed to commemorate the Black History Month. At the Senate Library, APAO conducted two sessions—one session for approximately 30 students from Faculty of Music, Royal University of Fine Art and the other special session for several people from the Commission of Foreign Affairs and Media, Senate. Another session was also organized at the Hun Library for hundreds of students from Royal University of Phnom Penh.
- Released the publication entitled Protecting Lives, Restoring Livelihoods: The U.S. Program to Remove Landmine to 55 recipients—government and non-government institutions which works for mine clearance as well as media agencies.

### **March**

- Muslim outreach and distributed 1,200 copies MLA to the Muslim people in Kampot province and 200 copies of MLA to the Cambodian Muslim community on Battambang province.

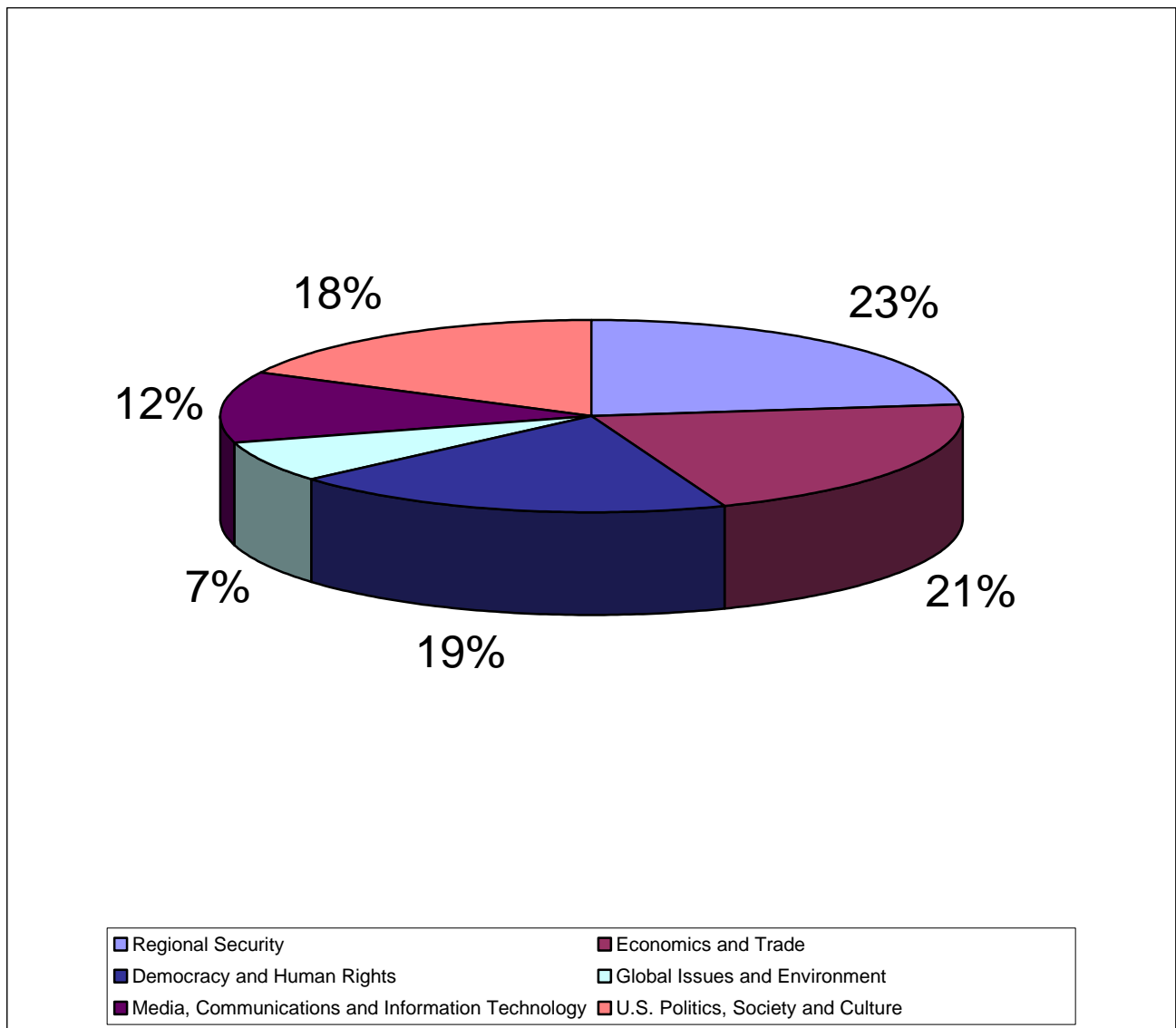
### **IRC Activities in January, February and March 2004**

**Article-** The total Alert Article recipients are 66 (42 people received by hard copies and 24 by e-mail). The recipients including the Senators, member of the Constitutional Council and members of parliament, government officials in the ministries (e.g., Council of Ministers, Commerce, Education, Environment, Foreign Affairs, Information, Rural development, Economy and Finance, National Bank of Cambodia, NEC, and Women's and Veteran's Affairs, NGOs (Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace, Cambodian League for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights, Cambodia Communications Institute, and Center for Social Development), lectures, members of the media (TVK and Rasmei Kampuchea Newspaper).

For In reach service, IRC send the Article Alert to 50 Mission staff in the Embassy.

## **Article Alert Statistics from Jan-Mar by Themes**

No	Theme	Total	Jan/Feb	Mar
1	Regional Security	82	38	44
2	Economics and Trade	74	39	35
3	Democracy and Human Rights	69	24	45
4	Global Issues and Environment	25	14	11
5	Media, Communications and Information Technology	42	18	24
6	U.S. Politics, Society and Culture	62	24	38



**Washington File-** IRC manages to disseminate Washington File to 86 recipients contacts including 47 recipients received by hard copies and 39 via E-mail. The recipients are senators, members of parliament, member of Constitutional Council, government officials, NGOs, and the Director of Public Information Bureau of NEC, and Mission staff.

**Table of Contents (TOC)-** To 24 Cambodian contacts mostly government officials and senators.

**Queries** - In August, September, and October, there were 69 queries to the IRC. 14 queries came from mission staff, 11 queries from Senate's staff, 19 from government officials, 02 students, 01 from the United States, 08 from Senator, 05 from a Member of Constitutional Council, 09 from media. The queries covered a variety of topics: how U.S. law are made, press freedom, statements, scholarship and university in the state, landmine policy, elections, immigration law, environmental policy, human rights reports, Martin Luther King's background, U.S. foreign policy and security, women and development in democratic societies.

There were also requests for Internet access at the IRC, as well as full texts of Article Alert under six thematic areas: Regional Security, Economics and Trade, Democracy and Human Rights, Global Issues and Environment, Communications and Information Technology, U.S. Politics Society and Culture.

The number of IRC visitors has been increased significantly. During the last three months there were 485 visitors used the IRC resources and Internet service.

#### *Book Donations Program*

- Donated 52 copies of English language materials and general government publication to Ratanakiri Provincial Department of Education, Youth and Sports.
- Donated 70 copies of government publication and English Language materials to Kampot Provincial Department of Education, Youth and Sports.

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